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Tina:

DEQ now has a draft of the Private Demonstration. Myself and Tetratech are improving on it each day. I am waiting for DEQ management to give me some guidance on who, what, when, where to send the draft out. The demonstration still needs a bit of work on both the Significant and Widespread impact, but I am very pleased with our progress.

For financial data, we have not received anything from industry. I am still waiting on Dave or Doug to get back to me. We are using parent company data and U.S. Census of Manufacturing data to help us out and "back in" to some financial conclusions. We are also using state level data from Montana state government and U or M's BBER to make general statements about Montana's economy for the widespread analysis. The argument may seem a bit thin, but the pieces we have come up with are convincing in my opinion.

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